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Students connect with alumni during networking dinner

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Adam Kochenderfer, CAS '02, an attorney at law, was matched with students interested in attending law school.

"The Student-to-Alumni power networking dinner was a great opportunity for students to ask alumni questions about what they do and how they got there. Likewise, the alumni were able to connect back to the university," Kochenderfer said.

Kochenderfer said the event also provided an opportunity for alumni to network with each other.

Ashley Stokes, an OU freshman and member of FAN, is interested in pursuing a career in sports marketing. Through the networking event, she was able to talk to an OU graduate who works in the entertainment marketing industry.

"I just wanted to connect with alumni and try to get my name out there. Even though I am a freshman, I wanted to get out there and see what internships were available and start planning for the future," Stokes said.

Ally Kelly, president of FANs, said the students hope to make the networking dinner an annual event.

Alumni who participated received a steel etched desk business card holder and the student participants received a USB travel drive caddy.

For more information on the OU Alumni Association or any OUAA programs, visit the [OU Alumni Association](#) Web site.



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